

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Examiner's November 18, 2003 and January 21, 2004 Advisory Actions and respectfully request reconsideration based on the above amendments and the following comments.

Claims 2-13 and 17-26 remain in the application for consideration.

In the Examiner's January 21, 2004 advisory action, the Examiner indicates that the phrase "the at least one projection" should be used throughout the claims for clarity. Applicant has done this and respectfully submits that this objection has now been overcome.

Please also note that Applicant has reworded the last paragraph of claim 24 to make clear that the "downward-facing" collar is not "the at least one projection" (see enclosed figure identifying the collar). There is no "projection" arranged at the collar, despite the snap element and the reinforcing rib, which are denominated separately.

Please also note that in the claims, further features are identified as "projecting" to eliminate any confusion with "the at least one projection." Applicant respectfully submits that "the at least one projection" is now clearly defined and distinguishable from other features in the claims (e.g. the

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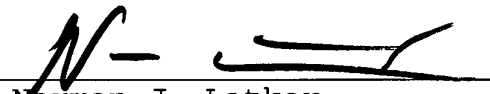
circumferential sealing web which is projecting downwards,
claims 22 to 26).

Applicant submits that the invention is new and
unobvious and not disclosed by the cited art. Accordingly,
Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's early review and
issuance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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